



**(Amended) FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 20, 2008**

The meeting was held on November 20, 2008. Those present were: Shane and Dana Escott, Richard Woods, Nick Novich, Troy Martin, Kay Vonbergen, Nancy Matheson, Sheila Kirkpatrick, Marilyn Ross, Tom Leo, Dennis Nelson, Patty and Jeff Walker,

Minutes from October 23, 2008, were read and approved.

The bills were presented.

Correspondence: Thank you cards read from fair, letter from Gwen to Dennis Nelson read, and letter from Ken Walsh read.

3RAC: Sheila reported NFR Dream Team stuff needs to be in by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. She wondered if we took the sound system out of the crows nest. Dana said not yet. They are laying off meetings over xmas. They have tentatively put in for June 23 and 24, 2009 for Sr. Pro Rodeo. Hamilton quit circuit and Drummond took their spot. The roping will be moved to Sunday of the fair and the kids rodeo to Sunday the week of the horse show? The Ranch Rodeo will be Thursday evening and then a concert that night. Dennis said it didn't matter when they rope so Sunday would be ok.

Motorcycle Track: Marilyn reported that Deb McNeil asked if the Board would wait to vote on the track until the whole town could vote. She stated that if the Board decided to wait that we better talk to the county attorney because the fairgrounds are a county wide facility, not just Twin Bridges facility. The county was represented by all towns, each board member from each town voted for their respective areas. She also reported that the ground by the airport is not available. Lyn Lowder called Kay in favor of what the Board is trying to do with the track because Twin is at a point where we need new blood and new things going on. Patty Walker reported that races are unbelievable and that people are very nice, family oriented, everyone brings a car load of friends and family and they all pay to get in to watch. Everyone who comes in signs a release. Jeff said that the amount of campers we had at the fair would be similar to the amount of people who would camp at the motorcycle events. This track is specialized and will pull people from all over. These events make money big time all over. We had noise with the demo derbies and people were ok with it and dealt with it. People need to give it a chance. This is potential for gain not loss. Shane stated he would donate his time to take tickets and help wherever needed. Jeff stated that there was motocross in Bozeman next to the horses and the horses didn't seem to mind. Dana said that the Riverside Park would get the benefit of families wanting to picnic at the park while at the races and that Riverside "historically" was not part of the fairgrounds before a few years ago and it isn't attracting any revenue. Baseball is over in June or early July. Fishing occurs at the river, not next to the flat track. The PA System is loud 3-4 days a week and people deal with it. There are 30 days a month that people can walk on the path, picnic, etc. This motor sports event is one afternoon a month. This is a public facility and it is county wide facility and it is fair to all to try this event. Twin is on the map for motorcycles to go through town and every day all day long Harleys go through Twin and even stop by and eat and support our local restaurants. Kay said "historically" motorcycles raced on the fairgrounds along with demo derbies which filled the stands. Shane stated that this track is a win win situation for all. Troy said that we have the area for a motor sports activity, why not use it. Kay feels the same way. Jeff spoke about motorcycles doing poker runs locally and they draw lots of bikes and then they visit all the towns and the money they make on these events, usually is donated to charity. He also spoke of the Karaoke being loud at fair. Kay made a motion to try flat track for a couple of years, Tom seconded. All voted,

motion carried. Tom said to let Matt know so they could form their association and get started. We could get with the county attorney to put the contract together.

Fair Theme: Make a Memory, Tom made motion, Kay seconded, motion passed.

Parade Marshals: Jim and Betty Sykes, Kay made motion, Nick seconded, motion carried.

Nancy Matheson reported that she does not want Sunday for the Ranch Rodeo. They are not going to do it in Dillon, just Twin. Dana would like to do the concert Thurs night at about 8:30 or so after Nancy does the Ranch Rodeo. Suggestion was made to have beer gardens on both sides of arena. Nancy wants rodeo to be free to public. They will see where they are with their entries and possibly donate to the fair board as well as to the 4-H.

Shane reported that their trucks are coming back from the point of rocks empty and they'll haul rock in to extend parking by office. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

Dennis Nelson proposed his bid for toilets at the 2009 fair, 14 toilets for \$650. Richard made motion and Kay seconded to hire Nelson Septic for 2009 fair, approved.

Bylaws: Marilyn and Dana worked on them and she stated that most of it was just boiler plate information. Tom asked if they could be amended as time goes on. Tom said that for clarifications, Board needs their own bylaws. Marilyn said that the Board could amend bylaws by majority vote. Kay asked if the bylaws had to be read at two meetings prior to changing them. Marilyn said the commissioners bylaws are Montana Statute. The Montana Assoc. of Fairs is it's own association and not created by statute. Tom moved to adopt bylaws, Nick seconded, motion carried. The Board signed the bylaws and they have been sent to the commissioners for signature.

New Release: Tom said this process is in the works that we should adopt the new release and change the release as needed.

Sound System: Troy talked about the people who looked at the speaker system that were from the school. He thought that the speakers had been blown. Sheila said they hooked up new speakers and still got nothing. Maybe it is in the box. Bozeman is who installed the system and it isn't that old, talk to Sam and he could tell you. Maybe have Bozeman come look first. Tom mentioned that we were not happy with Bozeman and the sound board only being two years old should have lasted longer. We'll give them one chance to make things right. Then we'll check around.

Kay mentioned that the 4-H Alumni wants to come to the 2009 fair.

Dana told about the RMAF Conference and that Montana was forming a MT Assoc of Fairs which in turn would be a good thing to help out all the fairs in Montana. If there is money available, the assoc. would help promote it going back to the fairs. We would also have a voice in legislature. There will be a meeting next spring as the assoc. progresses. The entertainment was fantastic and Dana chose 3 musicians, Charley Jenkins, Bobby Chitwood, and Eric Dodge. Dana felt Charlie would be the best this year to try.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Next fair board meeting, December 18, 2008 at 7 pm at the Fair Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Escott